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NEWS RELEASE

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Hartford Police Make Arrest in November 4, 2008 Homicide

Hartford, Conn. – Detectives of the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division have arrested **Tivon Mendes (06/18/85)**, charging him in connection with the November 4 2008 shooting death of Adam Thomas (05/11/1989).

On November 4, 2008 at approximately 1:30 a.m. Hartford police responded to a report of shots fired in the vicinity of 70 Gillett Street. On arrival officers located Mr. Thomas in the second floor common hallway suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. EMS personnel arrived on scene and transported the 19 year old victim to St. Francis Hospital for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 2:26 a.m. by hospital officials.

Detectives from the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes and Evidentiary Services Divisions responded to the scene and began an immediate investigation. Mendes who is pictured below, was charged with Manslaughter 1st Degree, Carrying a Pistol without a Permit, Tampering with Evidence, (2 counts), Possession of an Hallucinogenic, Possession of Narcotics and Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Sell. A \$500,000.00 bond was ordered.



Tivon Mendes 06/18/85

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Sergeant Rob Davis of the Hartford Police Department's Major Crimes Division at 860-757-4256 or to call the Hartford Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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